Fraser, James Earle

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also Mrs James Earle Fraser
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(Laura Gardin)

February 9th, 1918.

Mr. James Earle Fraser,
3 Macdougal Alley,
New York.

Dear Mr. Fraser:-

I am returning by bearer the plaster which you so kindly loaned us for our little exhibition in connection with the visit of the National Sculptors Society. Thank you very much. We were disappointed that it did not prove feasible for Mrs. Fraser and yourself to be with us, and Mr. Reilly regretted that Mr. and Mrs. Gardin were not present to enjoy the entertainment provided. We had a most delightful evening with an attendance on the part of the members of both Societies which was above the average. I am hoping that you will feel we should be glad to welcome you whenever an opportunity for visiting our Society building presents itself.

Yours respectfully,

Secretary.

July 8th, 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Fraser,
3 Macdougal Alley,
New York.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Fraser:-

The American Numismatic Society is planning to issue a medal to commemorate the growing tendency among the democratic nations of the world to celebrate our Fourth of July. We feel that this will give as few other subjects can, an opportunity for exalting our national principles.

We regret exceedingly that our Society, like every other educational institution at this time, must give undue place to the matter of cost. I am sending this letter to you and to several other medallists to ask whether you will consider doing this medal, and on what terms.

I have addressed this letter to you jointly in the event that you may care to collaborate. This does not prevent the consideration of the matter however of either individually. We are not asking that you submit a design for a competition. We desire, when the award has been made, that a sketch of the design for the medal be submitted for the approval of our Committee before work upon the model proceeds. The medal is to be 75mm in size and would be issued in silver and bronze. Please also state whether you could give immediate attention to the matter. I should be very glad further to enlighten you upon the subject, or to have you arrange an appointment by telephone (Audubon 2484 - Mr. Noe).

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

To James E. Fraser, one of the foremost sculptors and medallis s of this city, was accorded the distinction last evening of being the first recipient of the J. Sanford Saltus Medal. T e presentation took place at the Museum of the American Numismatic Society at a meeting to which the members of the National Sculpture Society had been invited as guests. T is medal is established as a recognition of ~~distinguished~~ "signal achievement in the art of the medal," and comes as a recognition of Mr. Fraser's work in this field.

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Medals by Fraser selected by
Saltus Medal COmmittee.

Stephanie Rasmus

Portrait (Baron ...)

Whitney Children

O. & R. of St. Gaudens Medal.

Sketch for St. Gaudens Medal.

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Stephanie Rawlins
Portraits (Beaver)
Whitney Children
R & G.
Ox "
Sketch for

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JAMES E. FRASER, SCULPTOR, IS AWARDED SALTUS MEDAL

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Models of forthcoming medals of the society were exhibited, including the peace medal, which is to be issued on the signing of the treaty at Versailles.

The members of The American Numismatic Society are invited to attend a joint meeting with the National Sculpture Society, on Tuesday, March 11th, 1919, at 8.30 P.M., at 215 West 57th Street, New York.

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT in life
From a bust by James Fraser.

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT in death

From a death mask by James Fraser.

May 15th, 1920

James E. Fraser, Esq.
3 Macdougal Alley
New York City

Dear Mr. Fraser:

We are planning to rearrange our exhibition of American medals, and I am wondering if you have yet secured the ones we selected last year. It seems too bad that they should not be on exhibition up here where without them representation of your work is so meagre. If you have not yet secured them, we should greatly appreciate it if you would take immediate steps to get them to us.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SPN/VKF

June 23rd, 1920.

Mr. James Earle Fraser,
3 Mac Dougal Alley,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Fraser:-

I enclose a copy of a letter I received yesterday from Mr. Philip Berolzheimer, Miss Chamberlain, to whom I wrote in connection with the New York State medals. As you will see from his letter, it is too late to do anything now.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

July 27th, 1920.

James Earle Fraser, Esq.,
3 Macdougal Alley,
New York.

Dear Mr. Fraser:-

For your information I enclose a list of sculptor members, most of whom have done something in the field of the medal. You will easily recognize exceptions. You will also note as additions to the list that I gave you this morning over the phone the names of Miss Grimes, Miss Eberle, Messrs. Herman, Swanson, Ricci and Pinotti.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

October 31, 1910

James Earle Fraser, Esq.
[illegible]
New York

Dear Mr. Fraser:

My I enquire what progress is being made with the set of your medals which you are having executed for our Society? I [illegible] that there is some little criticism developing through my [illegible] Chairman's Committee in this. We [illegible] will be ready before the end of the year.

With cordial regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

JMP:

January 28th, 1921

James Earle Fraser, Esq.
3 Macdougal Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Fraser:

Will you forgive me for referring again to the set of your medals which you are having made for our Collection? I really am afraid that our Treasurer may begin to coyet the balance of the Saltus fund which is designed to pay for them, if they do not materialize soon.

As you know, I have been making a special effort to fill some of the 'lacks' in our exhibition of the work of American sculptors; and I am pretty severely handicapped by the scanty showing of your medals. Won't you please give this matter your attention?

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SFN/E

September 24th, 1921.

Mr. J. E. Fraser,
3 Macdougal Alley,
New York.

Dear Mr. Fraser:-

We should very much like to have a copy of the medal recently designed by you for the American Institute of Graphic Arts. Mr. Weil, of the Medallic Art Company, informs me that he will gladly strike a copy for our Society if you will kindly give permission to have this done. If you feel that it is necessary to take this up with those for whom you have designed the medal, will you kindly do so and advise me of their decision. I feel sure we may count upon your good offices.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

JAMES EARLE FRASER
3 MACDOUGAL ALLEY
NEW YORK CITY

September 26, 1921.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
Secretary American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Noe:

Thank you for the compliment you pay me in your wish to have my Graphic Arts medal for the Numismatic Society. I shall be delighted to let you have it. Do you require two copies, one for each side?

In the collection of medals which you originally asked me for, could I add the ones which appeal to me to those which you asked me for? If so, I should like to send them all on shortly.

Very sincerely yours,

J E Fraser

September 26th, 1921

James Earle Fraser, Esq.
[redacted]
New York City

Dear Mr. Fraser:

Thank you for your letter of September 26th telling us that we may have two copies of the Graphic Arts Medal for our exhibition.

We shall be only too glad to have you add to the medals you are having prepared for us now, or all, you have ever done. Then, if you would add still further to our sense of obligation, if you could play, when they are ready, to come here and present them in the case we shall always at your disposal, we should be very happy. May I say that this can be done any evening if you wish, as I am frequently here during the week, and I know how valuable the precious daylight hours are becoming now that the days are so much shorter.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

EB/W

October 11th, 1921.

Mrs. James H. Fraser,
3 Macdougal Alley,
New York.

Dear Mrs. Fraser:-

I am sorry that your dues for 1921 have been overlooked by you.

On receipt of your check the remaining issues of the Numismatic Notes and Monographs, five in number, will be sent you.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

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January 21st, 1922.

Mrs. James Earle Fraser,
3 Mac Dougal Alley,
New York.

Dear Madam:-

Under direction from the Council, I am sending this communication by registered mail to call to your attention that we have not received your dues for t the past two years. We hope that this matter has merely escaped your attention, and that we may count upon your continued support. Our By-Laws provide that unless we hear from you promptly we must assume that you do not care to retain your membership in our organization.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

July 25th, 1912

James T. Fraser, Esq.
3 Washington Alley
New York City

Dear Mr. Fraser:

Although I hate to trouble you at the time when you are probably trying to get a little vacation, may I refer again to the matter of the medals you are having made for our Society.

I am again bringing the matter to your attention, because the other day that a number of people here have spoken to me medals by our sculptors with a view towards another development, the showing of your work was so scanty that it placed you in an unfortunate light.

You will remember that I told you that I had to prepare a monograph regarding your medallic work, similar to the one of Mr. Brennan, but as I cannot do such without the medals to get measurements, etc., I have unable to go ahead with it; and as it now seems likely that I may go to the American School at Athens for the winter, preparation of the monograph may have to await my return. If before I leave, however, approximately, September 15th to October 1st, I could have your medals and ar many for the placing of them, I should feel easier.

I am the one who is most interested in the als here, and I fear if I am not here these arrangements before I go, there may be neither time for a satisfactable time. I believe you told me that you had some of these casts. Would the installing of the balance of them lay you under too heavy a burden?

Please let me hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

JTC/L

August 22nd, 1922

James E. Fraser, Esq.
3 Macdougal Alley
New York City

Dear Mr. Fraser:

The plaques which came last Friday have delighted us all. We have already placed them on the walls; and sometime when you are in the neighborhood, if you will stop and criticize the arrangement of them, we should be very glad. You can hardly realize how satisfactory it is to have so splendid a representation of your work here; and I am doubly glad, because we have now been able to arrange them in time for the Convention of Mathematics which meets in New York next Saturday.

Our man told me you mentioned another plaque - a framed picture of a youth. He said you were wanting whether we would care to have this. I am sure you need have no doubts that we would gladly place it among our other framed pieces which hang on the walls above the cases. On the other hand, however, your generosity has provided us with much more than the small sum we are sending you will cover, and I do not want to presume upon your interest in our Museum.

We have left space for the struck medals, and these can be added when they are received. In the meantime, permit me again to express the pleasure it gives me personally to have these medals form a part of our exhibition.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

SPM/B

October 5th, 1922.

Mr. James F. Fraser,
3 MacDougal Alley,
New York.

My dear Mr. Fraser:-

We are enclosing herewith the third bill for your dues for 19--2.

Under our by-laws members may be dropped from our roll, if in arrears for twelve months.

We can not send you further publications till the current dues are paid.

Will you not give this matter your attention ?

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

January 4th, 1923

James Earle Fraser, Esq.
3 Macdougal Alley
New York City

Dear Mr. Fraser:

I am enclosing, herewith, bill for 1922 and 1923 dues. The non-payment of the 1922 dues has probably been an oversight. May we not hope for an early reply, as the Council meets on January 12th, and members who have not paid their dues for 1922 are to be dropped from the roll.

Your interest in this Society in the past makes us feel sure that in case you do not care to continue as a member, you would prefer to pay the arrears and present your resignation in due form. We do hope, however, that you will continue your membership.

Very truly yours,

Acting Secretary & Curator

February 3rd, 1923.

James Earle Fraser, Esq.,
3 MacDougal Alley,
New York.

Dear Mr. Fraser:-

Permit me to again call your attention to the enclosed memorandum. An early response would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Acting Secretary.

Jan. 31, 1924.

James E. Fraser, Esq.,

3 Macdougall Alley, New York.

Dear Mr. Fraser:-

After a talk with Mr. Wood, our Curator, we find that I was correct in thinking that we had available two hundred dollars which we could use for the reduction of the relief-portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Albright, if you are successful in securing his permission to have this done. I do most earnestly hope that this will be forthcoming, as there are few plaques - I doubt that there are any - that I would be gladder to see adorning the walls of our Museum.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

P. S. You will be interested to know that Mr. MacNeill has promised to undertake the medal about which I spoke to you. Have you yet had any further word about the "Purchase of Manhattan Island" medal?

June 3, 1925

James E. Fraser, Esq.
3 MacDougal Alley
New York City

Dear Mr. Fraser:

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Mr. Grant, the Director of the Mint, together with a copy of his response. I have also written to the Editor of the [illegible] pointing out the error of using such material as was the cause of all the trouble.

Very cordially yours

[illegible]

Secretary

July 16, 1925

James Earle Fraser, Esq.
3 Macdougall Alley
New York City

Dear Mr. Fraser:

Is there anything that you can do to speed up the work on the electro of the portrait of Mr. and Mrs. Albright? We are beginning to think we may never see this. We have been rearranging our Exhibition after the closing of the Medal Show and it would greatly help us if we could have your relief to place in the space we are holding for it.

I telephoned you this afternoon but you were not in your studio. Could you call me when you return and let me know what the prospects are?

Very truly yours

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Secretary

January 22nd, 1926

Mrs. Laura Gardin Fraser
[redacted]
New York City

Dear Mrs. Fraser:

[redacted] years offered to present to our Academy, a portion of the medals issued during the past year. Hopeful we can secure the consent of the artists who designed them. Among them are two medals of yours which we should very much like to have - Department of Agriculture and Morgan Horse Club Watch Fob.

You have very generously given us permission for some of your other medals, and we trust that we may count on your co-operation in making a representative display of what is being done by American sculptors.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

March 30th, 1926

Mrs. Laura Gardin Fraser
328 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Mrs. Fraser:

Herewith, I am sending you cards for the meeting on Saturday, April 10th. Should you care to have more, I should be glad to send them to you.

Sincerely yours,

Enc. Secretary

New York. April 25/26

Received from THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY,
BROADWAY. AT 156TH ST.

MRS. JAMES EARL FRASER,
328 E. 42ND ST.,
NEW YORK, N.Y.

One Award of Medals and Commemorative ½ Dollars

Mrs J. Fraser
& Estelle

15th November, 1927

Mr. James E. Fraser,
328 East 42d Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Fraser:

Permit me to offer my congratulations on your election to the American Academy of Arts and Letters. It is very gratifying to find them making a fitting acknowledgment of the high standard which you have always maintained in your work.

I hope your election will mean that you can spare some time for the next-door neighbor of the Academy when you are in this portion of the city.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

328 EAST FORTY-SECOND STREET

Dear Mr. Roe:

The enclosed letter I am forwarding to you as one who can give the information which I am unable to. Will you be so kind as to have some one tell the lady if there be any value to her coins?

I hope I am not afflicting you with much unnecessary trouble and appreciate fully if you can give the desired information.

Thanking you I remain

Very sincerely

Laura Jordan Coe

March 29, ' 28.

Mrs. Laura Gardin Fraser,
328 East 42 Street,
N. Y. City.

My dear Mrs Frazer:

Responding to your letter, I enclose a carbon of my letter of reply to Mrs. Frisz. I should like to have been able to have told her that her coins were of more value.

Very truly yours,

Enc. Secretary.

9th April, 1929

James T. Fraser, Esq.,
New York City

Dear Mr. Fraser:

We have received a dozen copies of a letter, one of which is enclosed, with the request that they be sent out to artists who might care to exhibit at the Paris show to which reference is made. May I ask if the sculptors are planning to do anything in this connection and whether you think it would be advisable to send these letters to our medal makers and possibly to the Medallic Art Company.

If it would be simpler for you to call me on the telephone, please do so.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

June 9th 1930

Mr. Laura Gardin Fraser
Eleven O'Clock Roads
Westport, Conn.

Dear Mrs. Fraser:

Your note is at hand. I should have been quite overcome if the error you point out could be laid at our door. We do not publish "The Numismatist", which is the organ of the American Numismatic Association. I have, however, written to the Editor and sent him your letter so that he may understand how regrettable such an occurrence is. This is the sort of condition we have to contend with all the time. I am very sorry that it could not have been prevented and I feel sure I should have felt much more strongly than your letter indicates that you do about it. The difficulty is that any rectification of such an error is not always connected with its original subject matter by the reader a month or two later.

May we not hope for the pleasure of a visit from you and Mr. Fraser some time in the immediate future? The new building is pretty nearly in order and there are a number of details regarding your and his sections that I would like to lay before you.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary.

March 20,1931

Mrs. Laura Gardin Fraser
328 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Mrs.Fraser:

Will you kindly ask Mr. Fraser to let me have the bill for the frame to the Albright relief. You will recall that I promised to assume this.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

328 EAST FORTY-SECOND STREET

May 29, 1931.

Mr. Sidney P. Noe,
American Numismatic Society,
155th Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Noe;

In accordance with the telephone conversation which I have just had with Mr. Manship we both agree that as membersof the jury for the award of the Numismatis Society medal, Mr. Edward Sawyer's collection of medals is particularly worthy of the honor.

I hope that no delay will be necessary in bringing this about as he is very ill, and it would be a great pity if the award was made too late for his benefit.

Sincerely

Laura Gardin Fraser

Medal sent to Mr. Sawyer 6/13/31

June 1, 1931.

Mrs. James E. Fraser
328 E. 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Fraser:

This is merely a formal acknowledgment of the receipt of your letter of May 29th. I am taking immediate steps to carry into execution the award to Mr. Sawyer.

Very sincerely yours,

SN:JG

Secretary